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TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER

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Meeting was thoroughly unproductive. President has directed that any encouragement in the direction of possible coup either direct or indirect be scrupulously avoided. We are promulgating this here in Washington at opening of business September 14. He also considers that any pressures on Thieu be held within the context that the most calamitous situation we could face would be the development of political chaos in Saigon. We are looking to you to maintain the steady hand at your end. Detailed report will follow.

Warm personal regards,

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